

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Appln. No.: 10/661,553) : Group Art Unit: 2625
Filed: September 15, 2003) : Confirmation No.: 9044
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS) :
) November 19, 2009

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith. Prior to further examination on the merits, and in response to the final Office Action dated September 1, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.